



REQUEST FOR FILING AN ORIGINAL UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)



Attorney Docket No.: 57983.000131
Client Reference No.: 15901ROUS01U

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Title: "REDUCED CIRCUIT TRACE ROUGHNESS FOR IMPROVED SIGNAL
PERFORMANCE"

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Sir:

This is a request for filing an original utility patent application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

- [X] 21 pages of specification, claims, and abstract are attached.
- [X] 4 sheets of drawings are attached.
- [X] A Declaration Document is attached.
- [X] A Power of Attorney Document is attached.
- [X] An Assignment Document along with an Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet are attached.
- [] A Certified Copy of _____ is attached.
- [] A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- [X] An Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and seven (7) reference(s) are attached.
- [X] A Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2) is attached.
- [] This Original Utility Patent Application is entitled to Small Entity Status.

[X] The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in this application, as amended in any accompanying preliminary amendment (if applicable):

| | # of Claims | | Extra Claims | Rate | Fee |
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| Total Claims | 18 | Minus 20 | 0 | x \$18.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | Minus 3 | 0 | x \$84.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Basic Application Fee | | | | | \$ 750.00 |
| If multiple dependent claims are present, add \$280.00 | | | | | \$ 0.00 |
| Subtotal | | | | | \$ 750.00 |
| Subtract ½ if Small Entity | | | | | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Application Fee | | | | | \$ 750.00 |
| Assignment Recordation Fee | | | | | \$ 40.00 |
| TOTAL FEE DUE | | | | | \$ 790.00 |

[] Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0206 in the amount of \$.00 for the above-indicated fees. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is submitted herewith.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any shortage in fees under 37 CFR 1.16 associated with the filing of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is submitted herewith.

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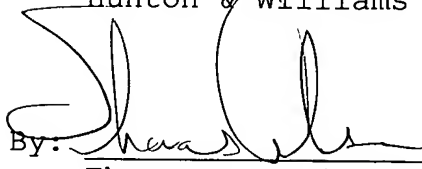
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